



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**JOSEPH A. CURTATONE**  
**MAYOR**

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**MAYOR AND BOARD OF HEALTH**

**EMERGENCY ORDER ADVANCING TO LIMITED PHASE IV, STEP I  
OPERATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has declared a State of Emergency on March 10, 2020 due to the virus that caused the Coronavirus 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Somerville has determined that the threat of COVID-19 poses a present, real and imminent danger to public health, safety, and general welfare of the people of Somerville and as such declared a State of Emergency in the City of Somerville on March 15, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts closed non-essential businesses, prohibited gatherings of more than ten (10) people by Order No. 13 on March 23, 2020 and per the order the Department of Public Health issued a stay at home advisory on March 24, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has implemented a phased reopening plan, and has continued to issue emergency orders adjusting business operational guidelines, capacity limits and other public safety measures;

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is easily transmitted, especially in group and indoor settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety;

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have advised that the spread of the disease from person to person is caused in part by respiratory droplets produced by infected persons and spread, e.g., via respiration, coughing or sneezing, and that people potentially can spread the disease even before they experience symptoms; and

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Somerville is the most densely populated City in the Commonwealth, and the risk of COVID-19 transmission remains an imminent threat; and

**WHEREAS**, national and local trends require tailored but significant intervention to limit the community spread of COVID-19 and its attendant morbidity and mortality;

**WHEREAS**, after several months of distribution of vaccines to protect against COVID-19, the City of Somerville has seen a sustained decrease in its 14-day moving daily incidence rate and a sustained decrease in its weekly positivity rate;

The Mayor and the Board of Health, pursuant to MGL c. 111 §§ 95-105, 310 CMR 11.05, 105 CMR 300.200 and all other authorizing statutes and regulations, acting by and through its agent authorized under MGL c. 111, §30, hereby order:

1. The order entitled “Emergency Order Adjusting Operational Limits in the City of Somerville,” dated February 1, 2021, is hereby rescinded effective May 7, 2021.
2. Effective May 7, 2021, all businesses and other organizations designated through Phase IV, Step 1 in the Commonwealth’s Schedule A (most recently attached to the Governor’s COVID-19 Order No. 66) may operate in the City of Somerville, subject to the limitations set herein.
3. Notwithstanding the designation in Phase IV, Step 1, dance floors shall not be permitted in the City.
4. Those entities permitted to operate through Phase IV, Step 1 shall be allowed to operate indoors at up to 50% of the permitted capacity, provided that six-foot social distancing is maintained. If six feet of distance cannot be maintained at 50% of the permitted capacity, operations may only proceed up to the percentage capacity that allows for required six-foot social distancing.
5. All businesses and other entities in the City of Somerville shall continue to follow sector specific guidelines and operate pursuant to a Health and Safety Plan approved by the City.
6. Food and beverage service shall only be allowed for patrons at seated tables.
7. This order shall remain in effect until further notice.

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